



NORTHERN LIGHTS NEWS

NLFSC News from your Board of Directors

March 2019

From the Board of Directors

Greetings, NLFSC families! It's hard to believe that we are down to the last week of skating for the regular skating season. We all know our synchro teams and individual skaters had many exciting moments throughout the season, but from a board perspective it's also been an exciting time. It began with the implementation of our unified "Northern Lights" name and new logo. Other special projects include evaluating different methods of structuring our committees, streamlining our monthly board

meetings, and placing an added emphasis on communication, leveraging the website, documentation, oversight, and accountability. There is still more work to be done, but the board feels we are on a path of continuous improvement and we look forward to continuing this momentum into the off-season so that when we reconvene in the fall, things are even better than they are at present! We have three board positions to fill and encourage those of you that have ideas and are willing to put forth the time and effort to be a leader,

to please submit your name for the ballot!

Simply email Sabina Laughlin at sabinalaughlin@gmail.com with a short bio of yourself and also a paragraph describing why you would like to join the board. The deadline is March 29th, 2019. There are lots of exciting things that go on behind the scenes and this is your opportunity to not only be a part of those decisions, but to also learn more about this complicated sport!

Signing off until next time!

Monthly Feature: Fundraising

Our club currently has fundraisers available to club members to help with skating obligations. Why do we have to fundraise? You don't have to; however, it provides an opportunity for families to lessen their obligations. The club offers two types of fundraising: Club and Individual.

Club: Club fundraisers are put on by the club and all members should help work at these fundraisers. This would include both individual skaters and synchro skaters. This year we have had the Pancake Feed, Color Run and Golf Tournament. The money raised from these fundraisers goes back to the skaters in reduced testing fees, helps

with operating costs of the club and keeps overall fees lower for families.

Individual: Individual fundraising is for the synchro skaters. The fundraisers that we typically use are Pizza Corner pizza sales, Hugos's coupon books, and the holiday wreaths. The profit raised from these sales go towards your team obligation totals. These totals are derived from competition entry fees, buses, hotel stays, practice ice and tights.

Currently, our fundraising committee could use some more support. If you are interested in helping on this committee or have new fundraising ideas, let Tracy Anderson or Amy McDonald know.

Power Poll

This month's question:

What is the ideal length of time for worker shifts (concession stand, Northern Star, etc.) to be posted before the event?

[Click to answer!](#)

Last month's top three answers: Concessions Stand, Fundraising, and DIBS. As a result, this month's feature is Fundraising!

Committee Reports

These are summaries of committee reports provided either via written report or delivered orally at the board meeting.

Communications Committee

Continues with the monthly newsletter. The feedback form is built and live on the website. Take a look and let us know what you think. If you are interested in joining the communications committee they meet the first Thursday of the month. Location will be posted on the NLFSC website. All are welcome to join.

Synchro Coordinator

Mallory started communicating to EGF schools regarding absences by emailing when the teams are going to be gone. A remind group has been created for private ice skaters to communicate any ice changes, weather announcements, ect. Synchro coaches are being update on the NLFSC website and look for LTS coaches to be added next year. Started crossover days for the girls to skate with the next team up and it is going great. There will be another summer synchro camp this summer, still looking at who to bring in as a guest coach, possibly getting an individual coach this year. Want to look at having a summer camp were we invite other teams from the area to come.

VFW Advertising

Currently have 21 business advertising at the VFW. Will approach local businesses for the 2019-2020 season.

USFSA Testing

We had 102 skaters and 183 tests this session. Congratulations to Aly Boman on passing her Gold Dance.

SafeSport

Looking for anyone intrested in helping Sabina with SafeSport. Please contact her if you are interested. Sabina is working on geting a new reporting form up on the NLFSC website. Look for a SafeSport page on the NLFSC website.

Fundraising Committee

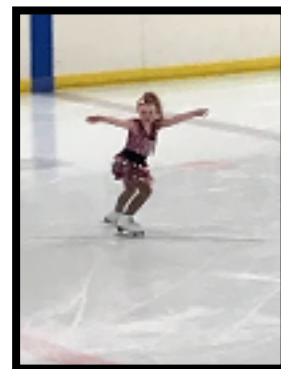
Bills for this year have been issued. Fundraising for next year will begin this summer.

Ice Show Committee

Ice show practice is in full swing. Practice at the Civic Center starts next week and we will beging a full run through of the show. Dress rehearsal being on Friday. Remember to sign up for your required dibs shift, they are all posted.

Lean to Skate

The learn to skate competition was held last month. This enables the young skater to get comfortable with individual skating. There are two parts tot he competition, the elements are the first and the second is a program with music using the elements they were tested on. This is open to regional skaters as well.





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NLFSC Board of Directors

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- Jodi Stassen, Secretary ('21)
- Carla Spokely ('19)
- Amy McDonald ('19)
- Chad Kleinvachter ('19)
- Tawnya Wawryziniak ('20)
- Sabina Laughlin ('20)
- Theresa Allard ('21)



Annual NLFSC Board of Directors

Meeting/Elections

Tuesday, 6:00pm CDT-8:00pm CDT 📍 Mama Maria's restaurant

www.northernlightsfsc.com - Email: NLFSCBoard@gmail.com

Reminders

- ▶ When shopping at amazon, use smile.amazon.com and select Northern Lights Figure Skating Club as your organization of choice. A portion of all purchases will directly benefit our club!
- ▶ Following spring synchro placements, teams will be announced in May.
- ▶ All unworked volunteer shifts will be billed at a rate of \$25/shift. Volunteer shifts include: concession stand, Northern Star, testing, and ice show.
- ▶ We are seeking 3 BOARD NOMINATIONS, please contact Sabina Laughlin if you are interested in running



Upcoming Events



- ***March 22** Outstanding Balances DUE~See PowerPay Bills
- ***March 23-24** Ice Show at Civic Saturday at 6pm, Sunday 2pm
- ***April 5-7** Placements at Blue Line
- ***April 14** Awards Banquet : Location TBD
- ***April 26-28** Border Blades Test Session~Closes April 7
- Week of May 5**-Synchro Teams Posted

YTD Budget Summary As of 2/26/19

Revenues	\$152,591
Total expenses	\$151,382
Margin	\$1,209

February highlights

The concessions stand has profited \$6,717 this season. Northern Star was very successful and preliminary numbers indicate a \$22,000 profit. The March test session is also likely to see a small financial gain (the club's goal is to break even on test sessions).